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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 11, 2006, for which a response was due on October 11, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 11, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identification as follows: